

**WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL – QUALITY WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://azcommerce.zoom.us/j/91968675721>

Members Present

Mark Gaspers - Boeing

Larry Lucero – Tucson Electric Power

Thomas Winkel – Arizona Coalition for Military Families

Susan Anable – Cox Communications

Members Absent

Todd Graver – Freeport-McMoRan

Thomas Longstreth – Ventana Medical Systems

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Welcome

Committee Chair, Mark Gaspers, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Call to the Public

There were no public comments received.

4. Committee 2021 Priorities – Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm, Council Manger, held a discussion on the 2021 priorities the Committee members will focus on based on the goals of the Committee and projects that are underway. The 2021 Committee priorities will ensure that the State Plan Strategies are implemented as aligned with the Committee’s work.

5. State Plan Strategy Implementation - Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm reviewed the State Plan strategies which align with the Quality Workforce Committee and discussed which of the ten strategies align with the work of the Committee. The Committee members expressed the need to ensure that the work is focused in the In-Demand industries. The Committee members emphasized the importance of digital literacy and the levels of literacy needed for different occupations and should be aligned with any work that is already being done to address digital literacy needs.

6. Eligible Training Provider Policy & Procedures - Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm provided a background of the Eligible Training Provider & Program list (ETPL) which included how the training is funded, establishing the criteria to be included on the ETPL as well as how to utilize the ETPL, and the Council, State and local area's role in developing and utilizing the ETPL. Ashley reviewed the current number of training providers and programs on the ETPL, how many participants utilized the training services, how many credentials were earned and the employment success rate.

7. Establish WIOA Formula Allocation Policy & Procedure – Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm explained that the Formula Allocation Policy and procedure will be discussed at the next quarter's meeting. The discussion will include the requirements and roles of the Council, State and local areas, a fiscal update including current spending and funds recaptured, and any waiver requests for the recaptured funds that was allowed by the U.S. Department of Labor during the pandemic.

8. Regional Planning – Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm explained that regional planning is a requirement within WIOA that is the responsibility of the Governor. WIOA promotes alignment of workforce developments programs with regional economic development strategies to meet the needs of local and regional employers. The current regions does not bring together multiple local areas to align these efforts. At future meetings the Committee will discuss regional planning framework and establish a timeline.

9. WIOA Funding Matrix – Discussion

Ashley Wilhelm that staff is working on developing a funding matrix that will be a compilation of WIOA funding sources. It can be used as a consistent point of reference to use when discussing funding opportunities. Once a final draft is completed it will be vetted by the Council, state and system stakeholders. The hope is that this document will be used by stakeholders to understand compliance requirements, leverage funds, procurement as well as other potential uses.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.